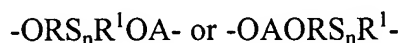


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A compound characterized by having a unit formed from a polysulfide diol and an organic dibasic carboxylic acid or its anhydride, wherein the hydroxyl groups are separated from said polysulfide by at least 2 carbon atoms, having a total of at least about 5 carbon atoms, said polysulfide having from 2 to 8 sulfur atoms.
2. (Original) A compound according to claim 1, wherein said dibasic acid is an organic dicarboxylic acid or anhydride of at least about 2 carbon atoms and said polysulfide diol is aliphatic of from 4 to 40 carbon atoms.
3. (Original) A compound according to claim 2, wherein said polysulfide has from 2 to 4 sulfur atoms.
4. (Withdrawn) A compound according to claim 1, wherein said compound is a condensation copolymer.
5. (Withdrawn) A compound according to claim 1, wherein said compound is an addition polymer.
6. (Previously presented) A compound having at least one unit of the formula:



wherein:

O and S have their normal meaning of oxygen and sulfur;

n is at least 2 and not more than about 8;

R and R¹ are the same or different and are organic divalent radicals, each having from 2 to 20 carbon atoms; and

A is the residue of a dibasic carboxylic acid of from 1 to 40 carbon atoms.

7. (Currently amended) A composition of the formulae:

(a) $MF_m\text{ORS}_n\text{R}^1\text{OM}^1$; or

(b) $\text{MZAORS}_n\text{R}^1F'_m\text{OAZ}^1\text{M}^1$,

wherein

O and S have their normal meaning of oxygen and sulfur;

n is at least 2 and not more than about 8;

F is of the formula $-\text{ORS}_n\text{R}^1\text{OA}-$;

F' is of the formula $-\text{OAORS}_n\text{R}^1-$;

m is at least 1;

Z and Z¹ are the same or different and are oxy or amino;

M and M¹ are the same or different and are hydrogen or an organic substituent;

R and R¹ are the same or different and are organic divalent radicals, each having from 2 to 20 carbon atoms; and

A is the residue of a dicarboxylic acid of from 2 to 40 carbon atoms.

8. (Original) A composition according to claim 7, wherein M and M¹ are hydrogen and A is of from 2 to 12 carbon atoms and R and R¹ are aliphatic.

9. (Original) A composition according to claim 7, wherein A is a fatty acid dimer residue and R and R¹ are aliphatic.

10. (Currently amended) A composition according to claim 7, wherein:

M is defined as $[[\text{W}^1\text{R}^2-]] \underline{\text{WR}^2}$ - and

M¹ is defined as $[[\text{W}^2\text{R}^3-]] \underline{\text{W}^1\text{R}^3}$ -,

wherein:

R^2 and R^3 are the same or different and are an organic divalent radical having from 2 to 12 carbon atoms; and

W and W^1 are the same or different, and are amino and substituted amino of from about 1 to 6 carbon atoms, hydroxyl, carboxyl, isothiocyanate, isocyanate, oxo-carbonyl, non-oxo-carbonyl, siloxane, silane, cyclocarbonate, active olefin, or active halogen.

11. (Withdrawn) A copolymer comprising as a monomer a composition according to claim 7, wherein:

said organic substituent for M is defined as $[[W^1R^2-]] \underline{WR^2}$ - and for M^1 as $[[W^2R^3-]] \underline{R^3W^1}$;

R^2 and R^3 are the same or different and are an organic divalent radical having from 2 to 12 carbon atoms; and

W and W^1 are the same or different, and are amino and substituted amino of from about 1 to 6 carbon atoms, hydroxyl, carboxyl, isothiocyanate, isocyanate, oxo-carbonyl, non-oxo-carbonyl, siloxane, silane, cyclocarbonate, active olefin, or active halogen.

12. (Withdrawn) A compound according to claim 11, wherein said polymer is a polyurethane.

13. (Withdrawn) A compound according to claim 11, wherein said polymer is a polyether.

14. (Withdrawn) A compound according to claim 11, wherein said polymer is a polyester.

15. (Withdrawn) A compound according to claim 11, wherein said polymer is an addition polymer.

16. (Withdrawn) A copolymer according to claim 11, wherein A is a dicarboxylic acid residue of from 2 to 8 carbon atoms and n is 2 to 4.

17. (Withdrawn) A compound according to claim 15, wherein at least one of W and W¹ is hydroxyl.

18. (Withdrawn) A compound according to claim 15, wherein at least one of W and W¹ is carboxyl.

19. (Withdrawn) A compound according to claim 15, wherein at least one of W and W¹ is an amine.

20. (Previously presented) A compound of the formulae:

(a) $MF_mRS_nR^1OM^1$; or

(b) $MF^l_mAOM^1$,

wherein:

F is of the formula $-ORS_nR^1OA-$;

F^{*l*} is of the formula $-OAORS_nR^1-$;

m is at least 1;

n is of 2 to 4;

R and *R*¹ are ethylene;

A is the residue of an aliphatic dicarboxylic acid of from 2 to 40 carbon atoms; and

M and *M*¹ are H.

21. (Original) A composition resulting from the reaction of the reactants di(hydroxyethyl)disulfide, succinic or adipic acid and dimethylolpropionic acid and an acid catalyst.

22. (Original) An object of a polymer comprising a compound according to claim 1.

23. (New) A polymer comprising as a monomer a composition according to claim 7, wherein:

said organic substituent for M is defined as WR^2 - and for M^1 as $-R^3W^1$;

R^2 and R^3 are the same or different and are an organic divalent radical having from 2 to 12 carbon atoms; and

W and W^1 are the same or different, and are amino and substituted amino of from about 1 to 6 carbon atoms, hydroxyl, carboxyl, isothiocyanate, isocyanate, oxo-carbonyl, non-oxo-carbonyl, siloxane, silane, cyclocarbonate, active olefin, or active halogen.

24. (New) A compound according to claim 23, wherein said polymer is a polyurethane.

25. (New) A compound according to claim 23, wherein said polymer is a polyether.

26. (New) A compound according to claim 23, wherein said polymer is a polyester.

27. (New) A compound according to claim 23, wherein A is a dicarboxylic acid residue of from 2 to 8 carbon atoms and n is 2 to 4.